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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 interrogatory number 3?</p> <p>2 A Not really. There are individuals that</p> <p>3 we've effectively been able to rule out.</p> <p>4 Q Okay.</p> <p>5 A But no.</p> <p>6 Q All right. Before we go to that, earlier</p> <p>7 you mentioned that you may have taken notes of your</p> <p>8 conversations with the various persons you interviewed</p> <p>9 in preparation for this deposition.</p> <p>10 Did you review any of those notes to prepare</p> <p>11 for the deposition?</p> <p>12 A I mean, I -- as it relates to this specific</p> <p>13 topic, like I said, I can't recall if I took any</p> <p>14 notes. In the days leading up to this, I haven't</p> <p>15 reviewed any notes as it relates to this topic.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. The -- so who -- who have you been</p> <p>17 able to rule out?</p> <p>18 A So Lieutenant Tim Sachs and then Sergeant</p> <p>19 Cliff Sommer, Sergeant John Jones, and Sergeant</p> <p>20 Michael Scego apparently at no time during this time</p> <p>21 were they on the BEAR.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And what are you basing -- let's</p> <p>23 start with Sachs. What are you basing that on?</p> <p>24 A Conversations that I've had with him.</p> <p>25 Q Okay. Did anyone else confirm that he was</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 didn't believe that he would have been on the BEAR.</p> <p>2 Q What -- what -- what did -- what was -- what</p> <p>3 was his -- I mean, what was that basis for? Why --</p> <p>4 why did he believe he was not there based on the</p> <p>5 video?</p> <p>6 A I don't know. That was just --</p> <p>7 Q Let me ask you this. Do -- do you remember</p> <p>8 video you're referring to?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q Which video?</p> <p>11 A It's a video from the intersection of</p> <p>12 Lindell and York.</p> <p>13 Q This is one of the Real Time Crime Center</p> <p>14 cameras?</p> <p>15 A Correct.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And it's the video -- when you see --</p> <p>17 is it the video where you see the BEAR come into frame</p> <p>18 and you see chemical munitions?</p> <p>19 A That's what appears to be happening, yes,</p> <p>20 next to a red pickup truck parked at the curb.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. So what about seeing that suggested</p> <p>22 to Officer Flatley that he wasn't there?</p> <p>23 A I -- I don't know. That's just what he</p> <p>24 indicated after seeing the video --</p> <p>25 Q Okay.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 not on the BEAR?</p> <p>2 A Essentially in speaking with the supervisors</p> <p>3 of the SWAT unit, it would be -- it was their</p> <p>4 recollection that at no time were any of those</p> <p>5 individuals on the BEAR, and then they said it would</p> <p>6 not be normal for any of those individuals to be on</p> <p>7 the BEAR.</p> <p>8 Q And I apologize. Cliff Sommers, he also a</p> <p>9 sergeant?</p> <p>10 A He is.</p> <p>11 Q So the only people we've been able to rule</p> <p>12 out are the four supervisors?</p> <p>13 A And then Officer Aaron Mueller assigned to</p> <p>14 SWAT, he apparently has another vehicle assigned to</p> <p>15 him that he most likely would have been utilizing and</p> <p>16 not had been on the BEAR at that point in time.</p> <p>17 And then it's also Officer -- and his first</p> <p>18 name is escaping me -- but Officer Flatley, in going</p> <p>19 over some of the video, he indicated that he did not</p> <p>20 believe that he was present on the BEAR at that time</p> <p>21 either.</p> <p>22 Q What do -- what do you mean by -- by going</p> <p>23 over the video? Did he see himself in the video?</p> <p>24 A No. It was a video of the BEAR. Just the</p> <p>25 BEAR at a location and time, and at that time, he</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 A -- that he didn't believe that he was on the</p> <p>2 BEAR at that time.</p> <p>3 Q Is there anything else to corroborate that</p> <p>4 other than his belief?</p> <p>5 A I don't believe so.</p> <p>6 Q What is the other vehicle that Officer</p> <p>7 Mueller would have been utilizing?</p> <p>8 A So there is a -- SWAT calls it a gas truck.</p> <p>9 I believe it's a -- some type of pickup truck. I</p> <p>10 don't know the make and model. But it has an enclosed</p> <p>11 camper and they keep some of their -- it's my</p> <p>12 understanding their -- their less lethal munitions in</p> <p>13 that vehicle, and that Officer Mueller is assigned</p> <p>14 that vehicle and tasked with the responsibilities of</p> <p>15 that vehicle.</p> <p>16 Q Does he drive that vehicle?</p> <p>17 A Yes.</p> <p>18 Q Do you see that vehicle in any of the</p> <p>19 videos?</p> <p>20 A I -- I may have seen a similar vehicle in</p> <p>21 some of the various video I have available to me, but</p> <p>22 as it relates to this incident and -- and that area of</p> <p>23 Lindell and York, I do not.</p> <p>24 Q Okay. And other than Officer -- and is that</p> <p>25 coming from Officer Mueller, that he -- he claims that</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 he was in charge of that truck?</p> <p>2 A I believe that Sergeant Jones and Sergeant</p> <p>3 Sommer indicated such and Officer Mueller indicated</p> <p>4 that as well, yes.</p> <p>5 Q Okay. And if I understand correctly, and</p> <p>6 correct me if I'm wrong, the idea is that he would</p> <p>7 never have been in the BEAR because his job was to be</p> <p>8 on the gas truck?</p> <p>9 A That's my understanding, yes.</p> <p>10 (Exhibit 5, Ops Plan, was marked in a</p> <p>11 previous deposition and now identified</p> <p>12 for the record.)</p> <p>13 Q (By Mr. Wyrsh) All right. So turning to --</p> <p>14 I'm going to show you what's previously been marked as</p> <p>15 Exhibit Number 5. This is just -- we're continuing</p> <p>16 the numbering from the previous depositions.</p> <p>17 Can you see Exhibit 5?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. This is, I'll represent to you, a</p> <p>20 extract from the ops plan. Do you recognize that?</p> <p>21 A I do.</p> <p>22 Q So on the first page of Exhibit 5 on the</p> <p>23 bottom, you see mobile reserve SWAT, Sachs, Sommer,</p> <p>24 Jones, and Scego, the ones that you just talked about?</p> <p>25 A Correct.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 he was not in the BEAR. I don't have anything to</p> <p>2 confirm or deny that.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. So as a representative of the City,</p> <p>4 you don't take a position on that?</p> <p>5 A Yeah, that's just what he indicated to me,</p> <p>6 and I -- I don't have anything to contradict that.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. So -- and you spoke to all the other</p> <p>8 members of mobile reserve SWAT?</p> <p>9 A Either I did, myself, or I seem to recall</p> <p>10 that there may have been one meeting with one or more</p> <p>11 of the officers that I was not able to personally</p> <p>12 attend, but then the information that was relayed to</p> <p>13 the City Counselor's Office was relayed to me.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And so of all those other people,</p> <p>15 given that Officer Flatley affirmatively stated that</p> <p>16 he didn't think he was in the BEAR, did the other ones</p> <p>17 not remember? Do they not -- what was their position</p> <p>18 on whether they were in the BEAR?</p> <p>19 A Essentially -- so the BEAR is -- I guess to</p> <p>20 compare it to like a U-Haul truck. There's really --</p> <p>21 unless they turn the lighting on, which typically for</p> <p>22 tactical reasons they do not, it's a big, dark box.</p> <p>23 And so the officers essentially couldn't recall --</p> <p>24 they all conceded that at some point, they were most</p> <p>25 likely on the BEAR. But they couldn't definitively</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 Q And -- and -- and just for this particular</p> <p>2 record, this is a list of all of the members of the</p> <p>3 reserve SWAT who were assigned to the civil</p> <p>4 disobedience response operations for the weekend of</p> <p>5 September 15th; is that correct?</p> <p>6 A I believe so, yes.</p> <p>7 Q So on the second page, we've got one, two,</p> <p>8 three, four, five, six -- a number of names of -- of</p> <p>9 other -- other members of SWAT. Do -- first, do you</p> <p>10 know sitting here today which of these offers were on</p> <p>11 duty the night of September 15th in the Central West</p> <p>12 End?</p> <p>13 A So it appears Lance Coats is listed twice</p> <p>14 for some reason, but it's my understanding that all of</p> <p>15 the individuals listed were working.</p> <p>16 Q And so you -- aside from the three sergeants</p> <p>17 and lieutenant, you -- you have confirmed to your</p> <p>18 satisfaction that Officers Flatley and -- Mueller or</p> <p>19 Miller? I'm sorry.</p> <p>20 A I believe it's Aaron Mueller, M-u-e-l-l-e-r.</p> <p>21 Q You confirmed -- you confirmed to your</p> <p>22 satisfaction or to the City's satisfaction that those</p> <p>23 two gentlemen were not in the BEAR; correct?</p> <p>24 A I think it would be more accurate to say</p> <p>25 that as it relates to Flatley, that he indicated that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 say when and where just because of the, I guess,</p> <p>2 dynamics of that evening.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. And -- and did you show them the</p> <p>4 video of the -- the Lindell and York intersection?</p> <p>5 A Yes.</p> <p>6 Q Each and every one of them?</p> <p>7 A Yes.</p> <p>8 Q And that -- that didn't trigger their</p> <p>9 memories?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q So the City's position is that all of these</p> <p>12 people, except for -- and when I'm talking about these</p> <p>13 people, I mean the people on page 2 --</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q -- of mobile SWAT reserve -- may -- were on</p> <p>16 the BEAR at some point that evening or may have?</p> <p>17 A May have been.</p> <p>18 Q Other than Mueller and Flatley?</p> <p>19 A I guess as it relates to that incident at</p> <p>20 Lindell and York, yes. Other than Mueller and Flatley</p> <p>21 indicated that he didn't believe he was.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. Do any of them specifically confirm</p> <p>23 that they were on the BEAR at some point that evening?</p> <p>24 A Many of them said that they were on the BEAR</p> <p>25 at -- at various points that evening, yes.</p>

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<p>1 Q Who?</p> <p>2 A I believe Manasco, Moore, I think Flatley</p> <p>3 indicated that he was on the BEAR at other points.</p> <p>4 Wurm, Frigerio, Zwilling, Long, Boyce, certainly</p> <p>5 Blackmon. Those are -- those are ones that I</p> <p>6 specifically am recalling now that -- that said that,</p> <p>7 yes, they were absolutely on the BEAR at some point,</p> <p>8 but they could not confirm whether or not they were on</p> <p>9 the BEAR at that video at Lindell and York.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. Did you speak with Joe Calabro?</p> <p>11 A I know I have and I can't recall -- I don't</p> <p>12 believe that he indicated -- I don't know -- I can't</p> <p>13 recall if he indicated -- I know that it was his task</p> <p>14 to be in the BEAR, but I don't believe that he was in</p> <p>15 the BEAR for this incident at Lindell and York.</p> <p>16 Q Was he on the BEAR on the night of the 15th?</p> <p>17 A I believe at various points he was, yes.</p> <p>18 Q And what do you -- what are you basing your</p> <p>19 belief -- and, again, you're testifying on behalf of</p> <p>20 the City. So what are you basing the belief that he</p> <p>21 was not in there at the incident at Lindell and York?</p> <p>22 A I believe that he relayed that to someone</p> <p>23 with the City Counselor's Office and it was then</p> <p>24 relayed to me.</p> <p>25 Q Anything else to corroborate that beyond his</p>	<p>1 in a previous deposition and now</p> <p>2 identified for the record.)</p> <p>3 Q (By Mr. Wyrsh) Okay. Is there -- well --</p> <p>4 okay. I'm going to show you what we've marked as</p> <p>5 Exhibit Number 7. Do you see that?</p> <p>6 A Yes.</p> <p>7 Q Do you recognize this document?</p> <p>8 A It's a police report from the evening of the</p> <p>9 15th of September 2017.</p> <p>10 Q Okay. And that's the evening that we're</p> <p>11 talking about here?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q I'm scrolling down to the narrative at page</p> <p>14 City 000622, the bottom of that page. You just want</p> <p>15 to take some time to read through that and then the</p> <p>16 next page is 000623.</p> <p>17 Let me back and I'll show you the entire</p> <p>18 page.</p> <p>19 A Okay. And then you wanted me to look at the</p> <p>20 next page?</p> <p>21 Q Yep.</p> <p>22 A Okay.</p> <p>23 Q And then the last page, 000624.</p> <p>24 A Okay.</p> <p>25 Q All right. So just from your review of the</p>
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<p>1 statements?</p> <p>2 A Beyond his statements, I don't believe so.</p> <p>3 I don't -- I -- I don't think that Officer Blackmon,</p> <p>4 who was driving, could recall whether or not he was</p> <p>5 with him at that point.</p> <p>6 Q But what -- okay. And -- and were any of</p> <p>7 them asked about the dispersal of chemical munitions</p> <p>8 from the BEAR that evening?</p> <p>9 A Yes.</p> <p>10 Q And did anyone recall chemical munitions</p> <p>11 being dispersed?</p> <p>12 A Not at that -- I mean, they -- essentially</p> <p>13 they said that it appeared that chemical munitions</p> <p>14 were being dispersed from the BEAR at that point, but</p> <p>15 no one recalled being involved in that.</p> <p>16 Q And you -- and you showed each of them the</p> <p>17 video at York and Lindell and none of them could</p> <p>18 recall being involved in that particular situation?</p> <p>19 A Correct. Correct.</p> <p>20 Q But to be clear, other than Officer Mueller</p> <p>21 and Officer Flatley, none of them deny being there?</p> <p>22 A Essentially they indicated that they</p> <p>23 couldn't confirm that they were there or deny that</p> <p>24 they weren't there.</p> <p>25 (Exhibit 7, Police Report, was marked</p>	<p>1 videos, the -- the incident that's captured on York</p> <p>2 and Lindell -- the camera at York and Lindell, this</p> <p>3 was -- am I correct that this was following -- right</p> <p>4 here in this kind of area, there's a description of</p> <p>5 the North Patrol and South Patrol CDT teams moving</p> <p>6 south on Euclid.</p> <p>7 Then there's the protest group continued</p> <p>8 south across Maryland and there's a mention of some</p> <p>9 chemical being sprayed and then the shots fired in the</p> <p>10 south alley at Lindell, that -- that all is kind of</p> <p>11 right before the incident at York and Lindell; is that</p> <p>12 right?</p> <p>13 A That's my understanding, yes.</p> <p>14 Q Okay. And then some -- and here it says</p> <p>15 these actions again required the deployment of</p> <p>16 chemical munitions to force their retreat and</p> <p>17 ultimately dispersal of the protesters; right?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Then none of the -- nowhere in the police</p> <p>20 report is there -- did they identify who deployed</p> <p>21 chemical munitions at that point?</p> <p>22 A No.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. And -- and I don't want to get too</p> <p>24 far into this, but according to your use of force</p> <p>25 policy, you're supposed to document when you use</p>

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